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SUBJECT: NYERERE'S VIEWS ON ANGOLA

1. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER MERVYN BROWN TOLD ME FEB 4 THAT, IN CONVERSATION FEB 3 WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, LATTER HAD EXPRESSED SOME ENCOURAGEMENT RE ANGOLA PROBLEM. IN RESPONSE PRESENTATION BY BROWN OF HMG POSITION, WHICH INCLUDED CEASE FIRE, WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, AND GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY "IN WHICH MPLA MIGHT HAVE DOMINANT ROLE", NYERERE SAID THIS WAS PRETTY MUCH HIS POLICY, TOO.

2. NYERERE SAID HE WAS CONTINUING ENCOURAGE NETO TO FIND WAY ASSURING US OF HIS INTENTIONS NOT TO BECOME OVERLY DEPENDENT ON RUSSIANS AND CUBANS. NYERERE KNEW NOTHING OF RUSSION INTENTIONS BUT CUBANS HAD TOLD HIM THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY GET OUT AS SOON AS SOME KIND OF "COALITION OF PATRIOTIC FORCES" EMERGED. IF, SAID NYERERE, "OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS" DO NOT COME TO CONCLUSION THAT ANGOLA IS "ANOTHER CZECHOSLOVAKIA", THINGS MAY TURN OUT ALL RIGHT.

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3. NYERERE EMPHASIZED HIS OWN MOTIVE IN WISHING TO SEE PROMPT

END TO ANGOLAN SITUATION BECAUSE OF DEEP FEARS IT INSPIRED IN ZAMBIA AND NAMIBIA AND BECAUSE OF TANZANIA'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY FORMER. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SOUTH AFRICANS WERE REALLY GETTING OUT OR NOT, BUT IF THEY IN FACT WERE, HE AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED AFRICAN LEADERS WOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE PROMPTLY TO URGE CEASE FIRE AND SOME KIND OF COALITION. HE SEEMED TO SEE POSSIBLE ROLE FOR SAVIMBI BUT RESPONDED, "I SIMPLY DON'T KNOW" TO UK HIGH COMMISSIONER'S QUERY ABOUT ROBERTO. IN REPLY TO ADDITIONAL QUESTION FROM BROWN, NYERERE SAID ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, INCLUDING THOSE GUARDING HYDROELECTRIC FACILITIES, WOULD HAVE TO GET OUT, BUT SEEMED TO LEAVE DOOR OPEN ON TIMING FOR LATTER.

4. COMMENT: NYERERE'S REMARKS TO BRITISH, TOGETHER WITH HIS FEB 2 INTERVIEW WITH ZAMBIAN JOURNALISTS IN WHICH HE FOR FIRST TIME PUBLICLY REOPENED POSSIBILITY OF A COALITION (SEPTTEL), MAY REPRESENT SMALL STEP FORWARD IN TANZANIAN POSITION. SPAIN

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